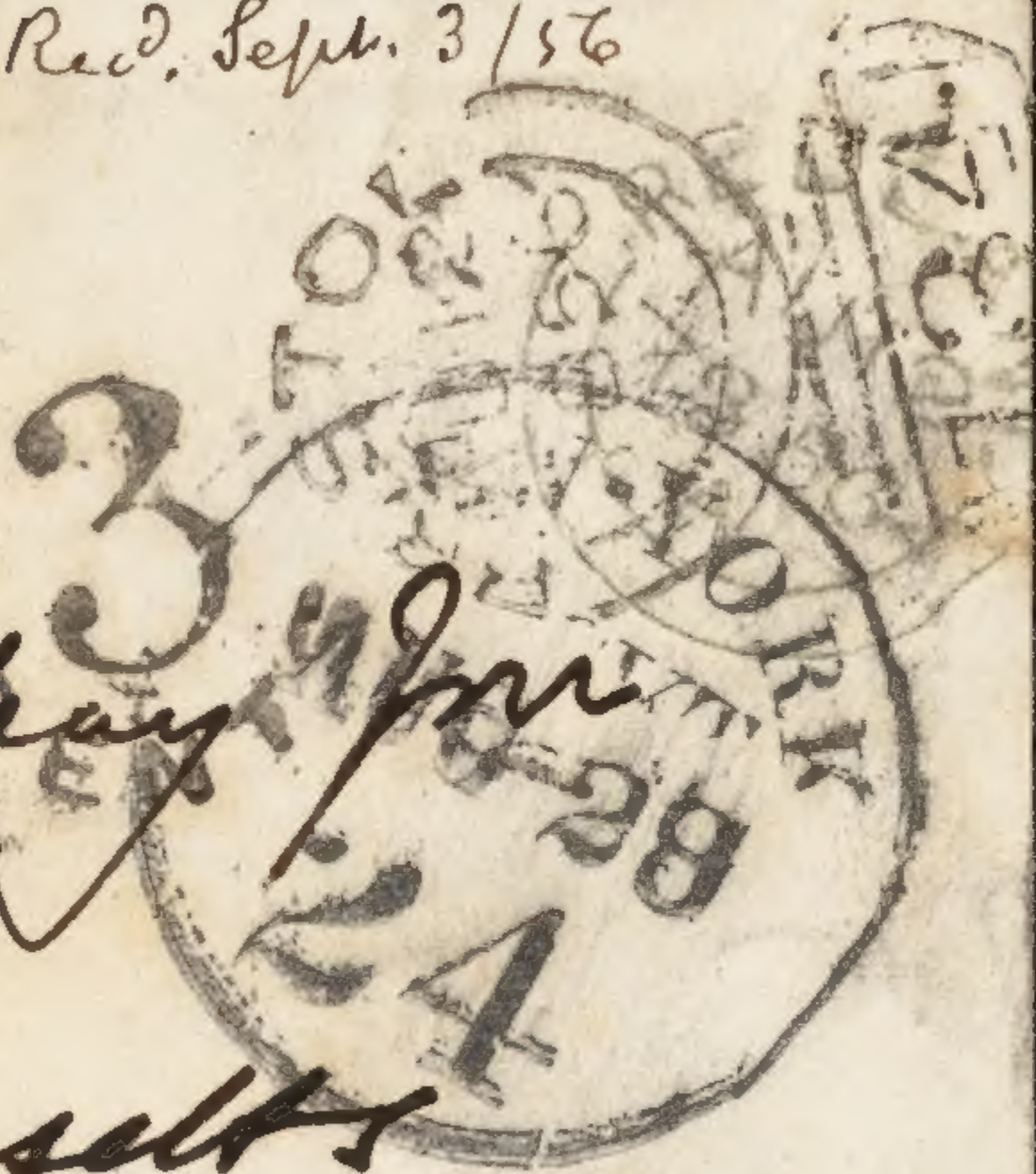
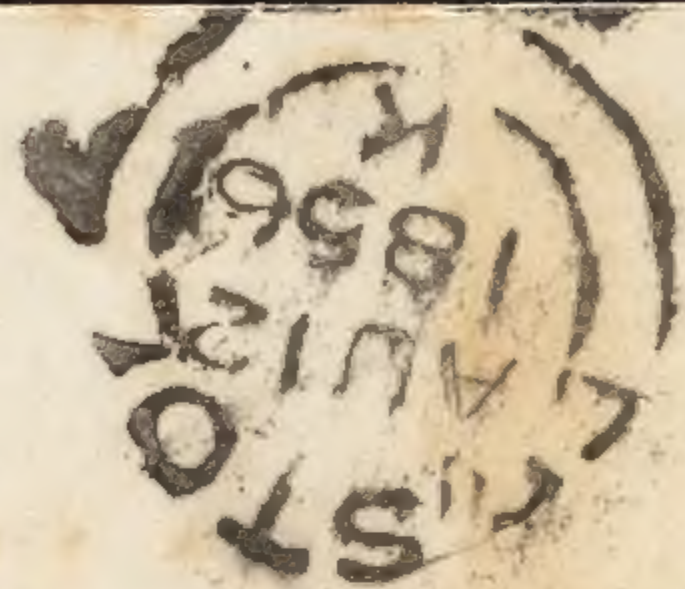


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Durham Park

Mr Bristol. August 12/56

Mr New?

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My love & reverence
to Mr Chapman,
Mr Allen
& Mr Cabot.

My dear Friend

In the Anti-Slavery Standard of

Aug 28th - there is mention made of "the
benign Josiah Quincy" - describing him as
under the influence of feelings in which I
must own I feel a more than usually acute
& painful sympathy. They are, mutatis mutandis,
exactly my own feelings. I am heart-sick;
and, whether from the increase of years, or the
increase of shame & crime in these latter
years & months in the bosom of your wide
& strange Community - more in a disposition
to despair of our human kind than I
ever felt before. The single ray of hope
which springs out of such thick darkness
is the thought that the deepest shade of
night is said to be just before the earliest

glimpse of Dawn: — or, in common parlance,
that "the worse things are, the better". If this be
so, then indeed we may hope for your Country! —
"The blood of the martyrs" is even now beginning
to germinate: And if Fremont be elected, it
may be regarded as an instalment of the great
debt your monstrous Confederacy owes to
afflicted & astonished humanity. Heaven
bless & speed you, Abolitionists, — you
"fanatics" in the Cause of freedom; — since
to you, if we may believe the common enemy,
is owing the provocation to these later demonstra-
tions which at length are stirring the spirit
even of your callous and apathetic North!

That Pierce should be kicked aside — even
to give place to such a man as Buchanan — in
name & policy so allied to buccaneering, —
is a thought refreshing to every honest heart
in Christendom. And Douglas — too! Ha, ha,
ha! — it makes me laugh in sheer derision.
How well does Slavery know how to treat
its creatures, — to use them up as a sucked

orange, and then fling them away. Honour
thus ^{even} fur to Slavery (if I ask have been its doing);
and, if it have taught us by this result that it
is a shade less hateful than ~~we~~ ^{we} had supposed
— we must only submit, with the best grace
we can, to this one proof the more — that
there is —

"Good in everything" ↗

I am tempted to send you by some post with-
this — one of our Bristol Journals, in which I
have given expression in few words to my sense
of disappointment & pain at the review of affairs
both in our own hemisphere yours ↗
When you have read it, — perhaps you will
do me the favour of forwarding it to my friend
benefactor, the Editor of the Anti-Slavery Standard
for whose regularity in supplying me with that
most able & interesting Journal, I cannot suffici-
ently thank him.

Pray in whose hands is the "Christian Inquirer",
if in Unitarian keeping, — it does honour to the
denomination; judging by that admirable rebuke
administered by it to the late "Western

Unitarian Conference" - Copied in the Standard of
July 26th And then, that fine Article in answer to
"thy Evangelist" - who protested about the Liberty-loving I. C. A.
I am becoming more & more impressed with
the rare talent, & still rarer courage, of that
rising light in the ranks of Abolitionism, the Rev.
M. D. Conway. I really must write to him. And
whom am I to thank for that treasured present, the
pamphlet Speech of the Hon^{ble}. Charles Sumner.

After all, that country surely is not irredeemably
lost, or irreclaimably wicked, - where such
intellects ripen, and where such sentiments
are cherished & ~~expressed~~ even by a few
righteous & noble natures! - May the
Lord increase their numbers, strengthen their
souls, & bless their labours.

My heart is with them, & my heart's prayers
I am never to see them - it may be, - but
I shall yet know them, & love them, & be one
with them - in the Great Presence, - when,
through mercy, we meet in the promised Kingdom.

~~of the Everlasting Father~~ I have written
to Mr Dalphey in London to come & see me. I would
he come. I have had no answer as yet; &
fear he is in Paris. God be with you, & ever
bless you - prays yr admiring friend
Geo. Thompson -

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